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Subject ⇒ System Design

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## What is System Design

System design is the phase that bridges the gap between problem domain and the existing system in a manageable way. This phase focuses on the solution domain, i.e. *"how to implement?"*

It is the phase where the SRS document is converted into a format that can be implemented and decides how the system will operate.

In this phase, the complex activity of system development is divided into several smaller sub-activities, which coordinate with each other to achieve the main objective of system development.

## Inputs to System Design

System design takes the following inputs –

- Statement of work

- Requirement determination plan
- Current situation analysis
- Proposed system requirements including a conceptual data model, modified DFDs, and Metadata (data about data).

## Outputs for System Design

System design gives the following outputs –

- Infrastructure and organizational changes for the proposed system.
- A data schema, often a relational schema.
- Metadata to define the tables/files and columns/data-items.
- A function hierarchy diagram or web page map that graphically describes the program structure.
- Actual or pseudocode for each module in the program.
- A prototype for the proposed system.

## Types of System Design

### Logical Design

Logical design pertains to an abstract representation of the data flow, inputs, and outputs of the system. It describes the inputs (sources), outputs (destinations), databases (data stores), procedures (data flows) all in a format that meets the user requirements.

While preparing the logical design of a system, the system analyst specifies the user needs at a level of detail that virtually determines the information flow into and out of the system and the required data sources. Data flow diagram, E-R diagram modeling are used.

### Physical Design

Physical design relates to the actual input and output processes of the system. It focuses on how data is entered into a system, verified, processed, and displayed as output.

It produces the working system by defining the design specification that specifies exactly what the candidate system does. It is concerned with user interface design, process design, and data design.

It consists of the following steps –

- Specifying the input/output media, designing the database, and specifying backup procedures.
- Planning system implementation.
- Devising a test and implementation plan, and specifying any new hardware and software.
- Updating costs, benefits, conversion dates, and system constraints.

## Architectural Design

It is also known as high level design that focuses on the design of system architecture. It describes the structure and behavior of the system. It defines the structure and relationship between various modules of the system development process.

## Detailed Design

It follows Architectural design and focuses on development of each module.

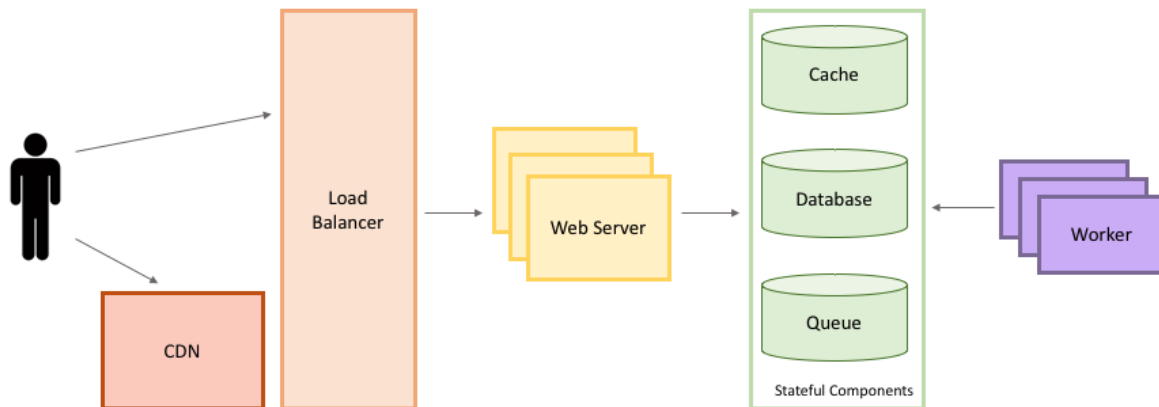
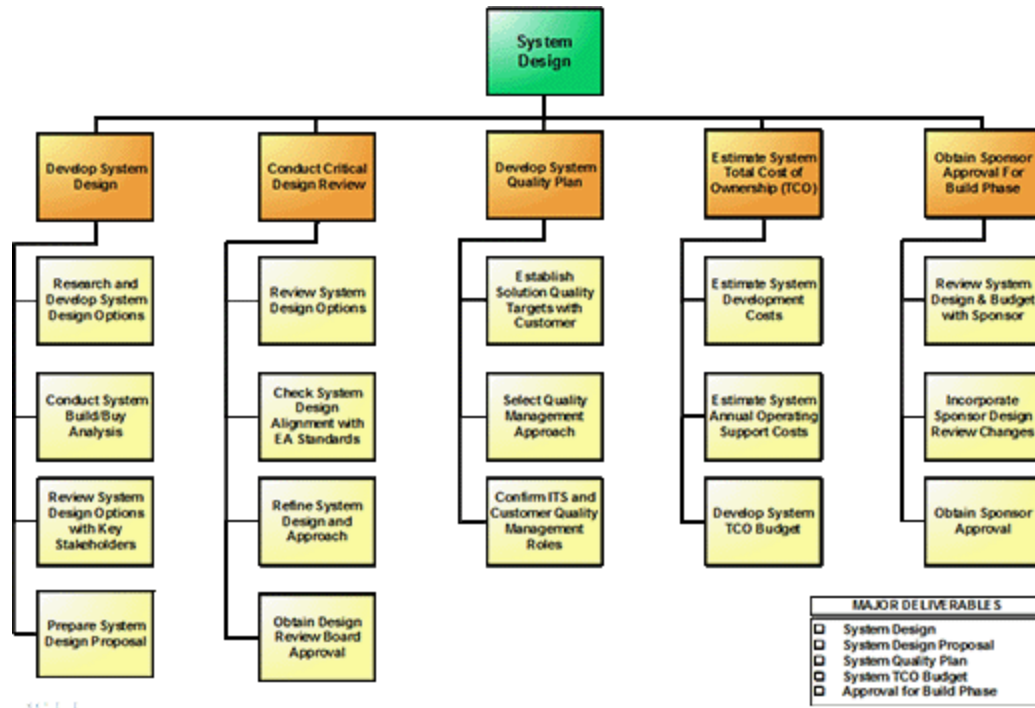
## Conceptual Data Modeling

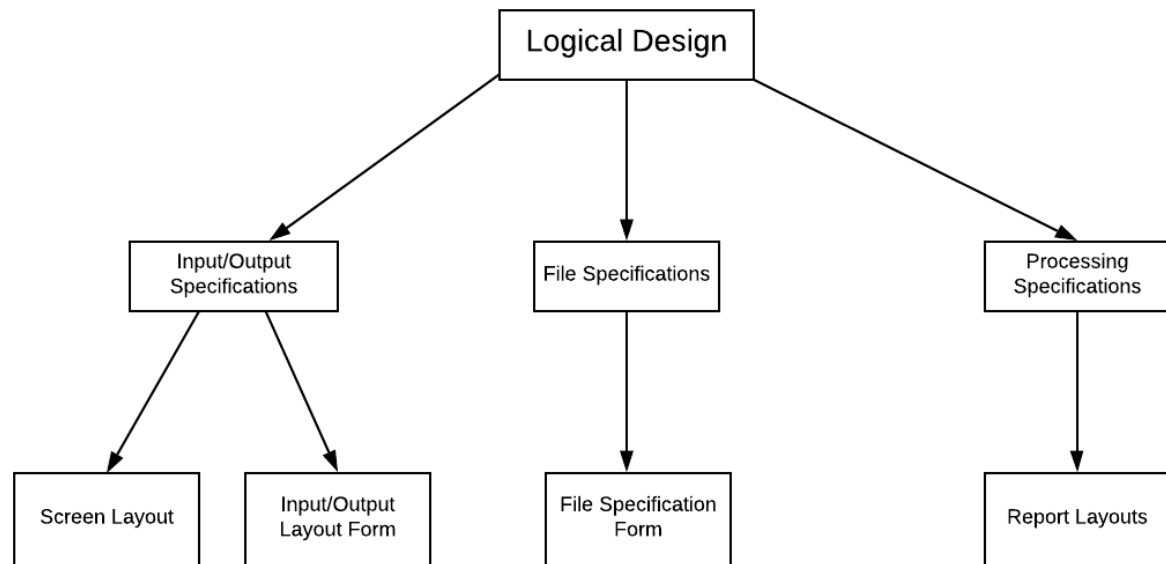
It is a representation of organizational data which includes all the major entities and relationships. System analysts develop a conceptual data model for the current system that supports the scope and requirement for the proposed system.

The main aim of conceptual data modeling is to capture as much meaning of data as possible. Most organizations today use conceptual data modeling using E-R model which uses special notation to represent as much meaning about data as possible.

## Entity Relationship Model

It is a technique used in database design that helps describe the relationship between various entities of an organization.





## Mcqs

**1.Which of these factors are considered while in System Design**

Performance

Maintenance

Scaling

**2.Name any example of a NoSQL db**

MongoDB

sqlite

Postgres

**3.Which db to choose when you have a relationship between data?**

RDBMS

NoSQL

**4.Why study system design?**

Helps you to code

To understand architecture

To make choices for your tech stack

## **Questions for the self practice**

List down all the features of adb schema for a food delivery startup like Zomato/Swiggy